

Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 9:43 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Duke Energy's Foothills Plan

Dear Ms. McCoy,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 9:37 AM
To: Easterling, Deborah; Duke, Daphne; DeSanty, Tricia
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From: Cada McCoy [[View Source](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:10 PM
To: Boyd, Jocelyn
Subject: Duke Energy's Foothills Plan

As a Campobello, SC, property owner and concerned citizen of Upstate South Carolina, I am pleased to see that your agency will be holding a public hearing on the Duke Energy Foothills Project on August 27. Thank you for affording the community an opportunity to be heard.

As you perhaps are aware, or will become aware as a result of that public forum, the residents of the entire area that could be impacted are uniformly opposed to this extremely detrimental proposal. Many people have spent many years and many dollars protecting the quality of life and land in this area. Investment of all kinds...health, environmental and economic...will be destroyed by this ill-conceived project.

Not only has Duke Energy contradicted its own present and past corporate generation demand projections in an attempt to justify this massive and poorly engineered design, they have refused, in both public information sessions and in response to individual appeals, to consider route and/or power generation alternatives.

Those of us who will be directly affected by this monstrous project have several questions to which we all hope the PSC will demand answers from Duke Energy. We would hope the following would be only a few that your review will address, with the ultimate decision the complete denial of Duke's application:

1. Explanation of discrepancy between Duke's past demand forecasts (.5-1.5%) compared to stated 15% growth stated as justification of this project. This figure is called into question even more with much recent publicity about electricity demand, in general, declining throughout Duke's territory.
2. Description of exactly where this excess energy will be sold. Who will really be Duke's customers during early years and/or if demand actually does stay stable or drop as is predicted by Duke and the energy industry as a whole?
3. Comprehensive analysis and comparison of alternate routes using Duke's existing easements if such a project is justified.
4. Explanation of how Duke's alternative energy programs, as currently implemented and planned for the future, will impact actual demand for projected generation from this project.
5. A thorough mapping of the entire impacted area showing ALL CURRENT residential, commercial, historic, conservation, etc. areas that would be impacted by this project. Maps used in "informational" meetings were outdated with no indications of sensitive areas, including churches, schools, cemeteries, etc..
6. Precise explanation of what construction and maintenance of these lines will entail. What disruptive practices will be performed in the construction of towers and lines and what impact will upkeep (pesticide application) of these easements have on groundwater, neighboring properties and the health and welfare of these communities?
7. A complete analysis of anticipated detrimental impact to all Foothills economic areas if this project is built. That should be carefully weighed against Duke's projected profit from this project.

These are but a few of the many, many unanswered concerns of the citizens of this area. I very much hope that in your capacity of an oversight and regulatory agency, you will ask the hard questions. In the end, it is our hope that this massive project that will forever scar this important and beautiful area of SC will not be allowed to go forward. There are many alternatives to accomplish meeting the needs of NC residents, and it is important that Duke Energy abandons this catastrophic plan and turns its attention to finding a more workable and reasonable solution.

Sincerely,

Cada McCoy